

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENT****Regarding the Objection to the Abstract:**

The Abstract has been reviewed, but the objected to text in lines 2 and 5 can not be located in either the Abstract as originally filed, or in the Abstract as published. Nor does it appear that the abstract was amended at any time during the prosecution.

Moreover, the application as filed does not include paragraph numbering, and paragraph [0031] of the published application is not the abstract.

In view of the uncertainty as to what changes the Examiner is requesting, the Abstract has not been amended. If changes are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized and requested to make the changes by Examiner's Amendment.

Regarding the Claims in General:

Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 19-23, and 25-37 are now pending. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 20, 22, 23, and 25 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections, and to correct several other informalities noted during the preparation of this response. None of the changes are substantive or introduce new matter, nor do they narrow the claims for statutory purposes relating to patentability.

Regarding The Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that all of the pending claims are allowable subject to the objections stated above. As the Examiner has been authorized to correct the Abstract for the reasons stated above, all the other required corrections have been made, and claim 38 has been canceled, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

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